

La Porte SWAT team receives NRA Foundation Grant

La Porte Police Department

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The La Porte Police Department has received \$4,890 in grant monies for the purchase of improved equipment for their Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) officers from the Friends of NRA Foundation (FNRA). The FNRA is a charitable nonprofit arm of the National Rifle Association dedicated to promoting and funding firearms safety, education and training programs nationally.

FNRA is a grassroots, community-minded program supported by gun owners, sportsmen, and NRA members that conducts banquets and other fundraising events. FNRA continues to engender support of law enforcement through various regional events in over 1000 communities nationwide. Since its inception, the Foundation has held over 15,000 events, reached over 2.8 million attendees, and raised over \$200 million through its wildly-successful fundraising programs, among which have included several-thousand grants in support of charitable and law enforcement organizations in Texas.

For La Porte PD, the most recent grant resulted in the acquisition of a new LaRue .308 optimized battle rifle (OBR), two new ballistic carry shields, and a range-finder. Each of the listed items are currently in use by La Porte Police Department's SWAT team. This is the third grant the department has been awarded through the FNRA since 2010. The grants have served as a valuable aid for the department, enabling police representatives to secure the equipment needed to increase the protection of the public and the officers who serve them.

For more information on La Porte Police Department's SWAT team operations or their affiliation with the FNRA, contact Assistant Chief Steve Deardorff at 281-471-2141.